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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The present communication responds to the Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2006 in the above-identified application, and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Also enclosed is a Petition for a 3-month Extension of Time to extend the time period for response to December 16, 2006 (Saturday). The RCE and supporting papers are submitted the first business day after the deadline.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.